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SUBJECT: COTTON CONTRACTS

**REF: STATE 204919** 

- 1. WITH REGARD TO PARA 2 OF REFTEL, SERIOUSLY DOUBT ROKG WILL PROVIDE 50-60 MILLION DOLLARS FROM KFX FUNDS TO CLEAR UP ANNEX A. RECENT VISIT OF ONE AMERICAN BANKER REVEALED HIS DEEP CONCERN WITH ALREADY SIGNIFICANT COTTON CREDIT EXPOSURE AND EXPRESSED VIEW FURTHER PRIVATE COTTON CREDIT EXPOSURE WAS BEING FRUSTRATED BY CONCERN WITH POLITICAL AND WAR RISKS.
- 2. NONETHELESS, IT IS EVIDENT ROKG INTENDS EXERT
  SIGNIFICANT PRESSURE ON KOREAN MILLS TO HONOR ANNEX A
  OUTSTANDING CONTRACTS AT EARLIEST FEASIBLE TIME. BELIEVE
  ANSWER TO COTTON CREDIT PROBLEM LIES IN AVAILABILITY
  OF EITHER 180 DAY OR 12 MONTHS PRIVATE USANCE LINES
  WHICH MAY BE FORTHCOMING FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY HAS
  REPEATEDLY PRESSURED ROKG TO CONSIDER EASING CURRENT 2 PERCENT
  CEILING ABOVE LIBOR RATE RATE HOWEVER MINISTRY OF FINANCE
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CONSIDERS THIS UNWORKABLE AT THIS TIME.

3. STATUS OF OUTSTANDING L/C'S ON ANNEX A PERIOD II AFTER DEPLETION OF CCC FUNDS (EXCEPT 10 MILLION EARMARKED FOR ANNEX B) IS 138,085 BALES WORTH \$35.8 MILLION. SNEIDER

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